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- OCTOBER 28-30, 2003

1. DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT, OCTOBER 28

2. SECURITIES DEALERS TO OPEN CORPORATE VEILS

THE CANADIAN SELF-REGULATING INVESTMENT DEALERS
ASSOCIATION (IDA) HAS RECENTLY PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT
CHANGES TO ITS RULES, WHICH WILL REQUIRE THAT SECURITIES
DEALERS, BANKS, AND CREDIT UNIONS KNOW, VERIFY, AND REVEAL
TO REGULATORS THE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS BEHIND CORPORATE
TRADING ACCOUNTS. CANADA'S SECURITIES ADMINISTRATORS
(CSA) ESTIMATE THAT CANADIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HOLD
SOME 13,000 "NON-IDENTIFIED" CORPORATE ACCOUNTS WITH AN
ANNUAL TRADING VOLUME OF OVER 40 BILLION CANADIAN DOLLARS.
THE LACK OF IDENTIFIERS HAS HOBBOLED THE GOC'S ABILITY TO
INVESTIGATE MONEY LAUNDERING, TAX EVASION, INSIDER
TRADING, AND TERRORIST FINANCING. THE CHANGE, WHICH

FOLLOWED YEARS OF GOVERNMENT PRESSURE, WAS IN THE END
MOTIVATED BY THE JUNE 2003 RELEASE OF THE FINANCIAL ACTION
TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMBAT MONEY LAUNDERING AND
TERRORIST FINANCING, AND WILL ALSO BRING REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS INTO LINE WITH THE USA PATRIOT ACT. IDA
EXPECTS THE RULES TO BE APPROVED BY REGULATORS AT THE
CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT THE END OF

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NOVEMBER. (WHEELER, CONGEN TORONTO)

3. ONE STEP CLOSER ON SAFE THIRD

DHS HAS NOW SENT OMB ITS REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE SAFE THIRD ASYLEE AGREEMENT WITH CANADA. PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS STILL MUST WAIT FOR DOJ TO SUBMIT THEIR PARALLEL SETS OF REGULATIONS TO OMB. (MCCULLA)

4. DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT, OCTOBER 29

5. CANADA TRANSITION TEAM TALKS ECONOMIC FUTURES WITH EB,
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A TWO-PERSON ECONOMIC TEAM FROM CANADA'S DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE (DFAIT) AND WHA AND EB ECONOMISTS HAD A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION TODAY THAT REVIEWED U.S. AND CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES ON ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING FROM BORDER SECURITY'S IMPACT ON TRADE, TO CANCUN, TO THE FUTURE IMPACT OF CHINA AND OTHER GROWING ECONOMIES ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC BALANCE. THE MEETING, CHARACTERIZED BY AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, PROVIDED A CHANCE TO BRAINSTORM AND SHARE BIG PICTURE IDEAS THAT CAN HELP INFORM CANADA'S TRANSITION TO THE NEW PRIME MINISTER'S GOVERNMENT. (WHEELER)

6. DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT, OCTOBER 30

7. DHS TO EXAMINE TORONTO TRASH IMPORTS

SENATOR STABENOW, SENATOR LEVIN AND REPRESENTATIVE DINGELL FROM MICHIGAN RECENTLY SENT A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S INSPECTOR GENERAL REQUESTING THAT HE BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE SCREENING OF GARBAGE

TRUCKS ENTERING THE U.S. FROM CANADA IN LIGHT OF DISCOVERIES DURING THE PAST YEAR OF TRUCKS CARRYING PROHIBITED MEDICAL WASTE, MARIJUANA AND, IN ONE CASE, A DUFFEL BAG CONTAINING 539,000 DOLLARS. DHS AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE IN LIGHT OF A LARGER AUDIT - ALREADY PLANNED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 -- OF VARIOUS HOMELAND SECURITY-RELATED ISSUES ALONG THE U.S.-CANADA BORDER. THIS IS ONE MORE TACTIC IN THE MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS' CAMPAIGN TO HALT THE EXPORT OF TORONTO'S GARBAGE TO MICHIGAN LANDFILLS. (OTTAWA, NELSON)

8. CHRETIE HINTS AT EARLY EXIT

PM CHRETIE STRONGLY HINTED YESTERDAY THAT HE MIGHT STEP DOWN BEFORE HIS PLANNED FEBRUARY DEPARTURE. THE PM'S

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STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD LEAVE "BETWEEN NOW AND FEBRUARY" CAME BEFORE A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL PARTY CAUCUS. THE PM'S SPOKESMAN ATTEMPTED TO CLARIFY, SAYING "THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ALWAYS SAID HE'S LEAVING IN FEBRUARY - UNLESS HE CHANGES HIS MIND." HIS SPEECH CAME AFTER THE GOVERNMENT VOTED DOWN A BLOC QUEBECOIS MOTION URGING THE PM TO STEP DOWN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LEADERSHIP VOTE. (MCCULLA)

9. (U) CBC REPORTS ARAR TORTURE CLAIM

THE CBC IS REPORTING THE CANADIAN-SYRIAN CITIZEN MAHER ARAR IS NOW CLAIMING THAT HE WAS TORTURED WHILE BEING HELD IN SYRIA.

CAN HAS ALSO NOW RECEIVED A FOIA REQUEST ON THE ARAR CASE FROM THE CBC. (MCCULLA)

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